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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for the period 5-12 October 1951.

1. Pol Dasht: East and westbound rail traffic through Pol Dasht totalled 64 trains. One train carrying about 400 troops, four 75 mm guns, 11 trucks, and six jeeps went from Yerevan to Nakhichevan.
2. Dzhulfa: East and westbound rail traffic through Dzhulfa totalled 51 trains. One train composed of 48 cars carried a battalion of troops, 32 trucks, two ambulances, two 75 mm guns, and one antiaircraft gun from Dzhulfa-Ordubad to Baku.

East and westbound road traffic between Nakhichevan and Dzhulfa totalled 512 trucks carrying about 1,000 soldiers.

3. Sia Rud: East and westbound rail traffic through Sia Rud totalled 47 trains.

Five truckloads of soldiers, two trucks carrying two antiaircraft machine guns, and 20 motorcycles arrived at the village of Dasteh from Sia Rud for field maneuvers. This type of maneuver has never before been seen in this area.

Motorcycles have been added to Soviet frontier guard patrols in the Sia Rud area.

4. Khuda Afarin: East and westbound rail traffic through Khuda Afarin totalled 23 trains.
5. The loads carried by the trains reported in Paragraphs 1, 2, 3, and 4 consisted of building materials, coal, kerosene, trucks, and autos.
6. Astara: North and southbound road traffic between Lenkoran and Astara totalled 310 trucks, 214 carts, 53 jeeps, and six autos. The loads carried included foodstuffs, building materials, arms, and ammunition.

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East and westbound traffic between Astara, Masjed Mahalleh, and the last post west totalled 112 officers and 596 soldiers.

On 12 October two trucks and one jeep unloaded arms and ammunition in front of the restricted zone near the frontier at Badi Evlu.

White, red, and green rockets were fired by the Soviet watchtowers near Haider Mahalleh, Qanbar Mahalleh, Bagchen Sareh, Baharestan, Khanbulaghi, and Kashvi.

7. Lutfabad: East and westbound rail traffic between Ashkhabad and Kaakha totalled 121 trains.

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